

allowed to be imported from Western countries. I want a reply from the Minister on these two parts.

[Translation]

SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV : Sir, as the hon. Member has mentioned about Prithvi missile that the information in this regard has been given to the USA, then it is a well known fact that we have test-fired it and we accept it. The whole world knows about it and there is nothing astonishing if the USA knows about it. We accept it and admit it. The hon. leader of opposition had also given a statement as to why the Prithvi missiles were carried from Hyderabad to Jalandhar and that should have been deployed on the border. The hon. leader of opposition, who had been the Prime Minister and hon. Pramod Mahajan, who had been the Minister of Defence, it is a well known fact. ... (Interruptions)

[English]

SHRI PRITHVIRAJ D. CHAVAN : How did they know about it?

SHRI NIRMAL KANTI CHATTERJEE : But the point is that the Americans have announced it before we made any announcement.

[Translation]

SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV : As far as this question is concerned, there are some powers of the world which do not want that relations should be good with Pakistan or any other country. Therefore, it appears in the newspaper of a country that China or Pakistan or India has deployed the missile within the striking range. There is just one country which publishes our newspaper only and then we should understand that there are some imperialist powers which do not want peace in Asia.

[English]

Rastogi Committee

*62. PROF. P.J. KURIEN :
SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rastogi Committee instituted by the UGC for revision of pay scales of college teachers has recently submitted its report;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations made by the Committee;

(c) the reaction of the Union Government thereto; and

(d) by what time they are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : (a) to (d) Rastogi Committee, being a Committee of the University Grants Commission (UGC), has submitted its report to the Commission which has initiated an indepth examination of the recommendations made. Central Government will have occasion to examine Rastogi Committee Report alongwith UGC's views thereon only after the Commission completes its examination and transmits the Report to the Department of Education.

PROF. P.J. KURIEN : What is this? Even the Minister of Education is not here. We have asked a specific question as to whether the Rastogi Committee has submitted its Report and if so, what are the recommendations. The Government has admitted that the Report has been submitted but no details are given. What is the purpose of asking this question? I seek your protection. This question is being treated in such a casual way. I want a ruling on this. They have admitted that the Report has been submitted to the UGC. The UGC is a part of the Government. Are you saying that the UGC is not under you? Can you not get details of the Report from the UGC? I am sorry to say that the Ministers do not know their responsibilities. Therefore, I am asking the Minister to answer to the first basic question as to what are the details. If you cannot give the details, at least give the salient features of the report submitted by the Rastogi Committee. This is not a supplementary question, I am repeating the main question.

SHRI SRIKANTA JENA : The question is that the UGC appointed a Committee for the pay revision. Committees like the Rastogi Committee have submitted their reports in the past also to the UGC. The UGC, after examination of the recommendations of that Committee recommends their views to the Government. The Government gives its recommendations after getting the views from the UGC. If you want to know the recommendations of the Rastogi Committee to the UGC, they are available. The UGC has already announced it. The UGC takes a final view on it once it receives the recommendations of the Rastogi Committee and then UGC recommends to the Government to implement it. If you want to know the recommendations of the Rastogi Committee, I will certainly give the highlights of it. I am not hesitating to give the highlights of the recommendations of the Rastogi Committee.

PROF. P.J. KURIEN : You please see the question. I have only asked whether the Rastogi Committee has

submitted its report to the UGC. If so, please give the details. That is the main question.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : It is the second part of the Question.

PROF. P.J. KURIEN : Yes Sir, it is part (b) of my Question.

SHRI SRIKANTA JENA : Sir, in the past also there have been Sen Committee Report and Mehrotra Committee Report. It is a very sensitive matter. It is with regard to the pay scales of the university teachers and college teachers. ...*(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : Mr. Minister, you either say that you have not got the details or you are not in position to give him the required information, if it is not available with you.

SHRI SRIKANTA JENA : Sir, I just wanted to tell him about the highlights of the Rastogi Committee Report which has been submitted to the UGC.

For Lecturer, they have recommended a revised scale of Rs. 8,000—13,500. For Lecturer (Senior scale) from the existing pay scale of Rs. 3,000, they have recommended for Rs. 10,000—15,200. For Lecturer (Selection Grade) and Reader, from the existing pay scale of Rs. 3,700, they have recommended for Rs. 12,000 and a maximum of Rs. 18,000. For Professor, from the existing pay scale of Rs. 4,500, their recommendation is Rs. 14,300—22,400. These are the highlights of the Rastogi Committee Report.

PROF. P.J. KURIEN : Among the highlights of the recommendations, the most important part is salaries and service conditions.

I want to know from the hon. Minister whether the Government will accept these recommendations. If so, by what time the Government contemplates implementing these recommendations?

SHRI SRIKANTA JENA : Sir, I have already gone one step ahead before his second supplementary. As far as these recommendations are concerned, in fact, the Government will respond to the UGC and not to the Rastogi Committee. The Rastogi Committee recommendations will be examined by the UGC and after the UGC gives its recommendations to the Government, the Government will respond. So, at this stage, it is premature to give any reaction to the Rastogi Committee recommendations.

PROF. P.J. KURIEN : If that is the case, by what time do they expect the recommendations of the UGC to

be received by the Government? Will the Ministry give a specific directive to the UGC to submit their recommendations to the Government within a specified period of time?

As this Committee is also concerned with the service conditions of the teachers, attracting the best talent to the university education is of paramount importance to the nation. So, in order to facilitate that, you should have better salaries and secured service conditions for them. But in various States, the service conditions of Professors are different. For example, in some States, the retirement age is 55 and in some other States, it is 60.

Since, the UGC is controlling their salaries and service conditions, I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether they have tried for a uniform service conditions especially, in the matter of retirement age.

SHRI SRIKANTA JENA : Sir, we will certainly consider the recommendations of the University Grants Commission. So far as the direction of the Government to the UGC is concerned, as in the past also, in these cases, normally the UGC works on that immediately after receiving the recommendations. In the meantime, the UGC has taken three meetings on the recommendations of the Rastogi Committee and the Government expects that by the end of September this year, the UGC will be in a position to suggest to the Government as to what should be done. So, only after getting the suggestions and the recommendations from the UGC, the Government will respond. I fully agree with Prof. Kurien that uniformity should be there in regard to the salaries and service conditions. Now, it all depends on what the UGC really recommends.

[Translation]

SHRI SATYA PAL JAIN : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, it has been the long standing demand of teachers of University and colleges that the recommendations of the Rastogi Committee should be submitted and the Government should accept these recommendations since there has been no revision in the salaries of teachers and lecturers for quite a long time. But it is a matter of regret that when the Rastogi Committee has submitted its recommendations now, the matter is being left to the UGC. No body knows how many months the UGC would take in examining these and by what time it would submit its report and by when the Government of India would implement them. Then Government of India would first implement them for government colleges and then the affiliated colleges would launch their struggle that these recommendations should also apply to them. I fully agree with this view that the Rastogi Committee had to submit its report to the UGC. You have mentioned the highlights of the said report. But you should also tell that on which

date the Rastogi Committee submitted its report to the UGC and whether you are willing to give an assurance to the House about a time frame within which the Government would take a decision in regard to the implementation of these recommendations. This decision should not apply to lecturers of the Government colleges and universities alone, but a decision should also be taken simultaneously in respect of lecturers of affiliated colleges, aided and recognised colleges so that they do not have to take the course of struggle later on. One more thing I would like to know from you that by that date do you contemplate implementing these recommendations? The House should be informed if any such decision has been taken.

SHRI SRIKANTA JENA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, I told you that the UGC received the Rastogi Committee report on 28 May and after that the Commission held three meetings on 13 June, 9 and 10 July respectively to consider it and the Government expects that they would receive the recommendations of the UGC by September and taking them into account, the Government would take action as would be deemed necessary. ...*(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : He has asked about private colleges.

SHRI SATYA PAL JAIN : How much time would you take in taking a decision after getting the recommendations in September.

[English]

SHRI SRIKANTA JENA : Sir, I think, this does not cover private colleges.

[Translation]

SHRI SHATRUGHAN PRASAD SINGH : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, it is not true that the pay scales of the teachers of the affiliated colleges and aided colleges are the same. The hon. Minister is giving wrong information to the House.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : You will get a chance later on.

SHRI MOHAN RAWALE : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, how long teachers would have to wait. The Fifth Pay Commission has also been implemented, will they have to wait until the Sixth Pay Commission I would like to make a submission. I had a telephonic talk with the teachers of the Mumbai University. There is so much resentment among teachers now that if the Government does not implement it soon, they will go on strike.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : You, please ask the question.

SHRI MOHAN RAWALE : There would be strike and the students will have to suffer. Is the Government waiting so that the students suffer. If the report of the Commission is submitted to the Government in September, when will it be implemented?

[English:]

SHRI SRIKANTA JENA : Sir, normally, it takes a minimum of two months' time for the Government to take a final view on this because there are certain procedures that have to be followed. Within two months from the moment the UGC gives its recommendations, the Government will be in a position to take a view on them. So far as the private college teachers are concerned, I have mentioned that the aided colleges will be covered in this category and there will be no problem. ...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI SAT MAHAJAN : Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, I want to know from the hon. Minister whether they have calculated how much financial implication would be there if the private colleges are to be given these pay scales and whether the Government is going to bear that. What is it that they are going to give as financial aid to the private institutions? I want to know the exact figure.

SHRI SRIKANTA JENA : Sir, the exact financial burden on the Government will be calculated only after getting the recommendation of the UGC and, by calculation only, it can be known. But normally the Central Universities are being given grants straightway by the Government of India and eighty per cent grants are being given to the State-run Universities.

SHRI SAT MAHAJAN : Sir, he has not replied to my other question, i.e., whether they are going to give aid to the private colleges. Will they cover the private colleges, whatever be the increase in the pay scales? That was my main question.

SHRI SRIKANTA JENA : Sir, eighty per cent grant is applicable for five years, once the UGC recommendation is accepted by the Government.

[Translation]

SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Hon. Speaker, Sir, one serious malaise is rapidly gripping the education system and that is the malaise of tuition. Of course, the salaries of all the teachers should increase but many professors, teachers and lecturers take tuitions illegally.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : You ask question relating to the Rastogi Committee.

SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, it is related to pay-scales recommended by the Rastogi Committee. There should be a blanket ban on taking tuitions by college teachers. Their salaries should increase because these are meagre but there should be a strict system banning tuitions completely. Boys and students are blackmailed through it. What strict steps Government contemplate to prevent it?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : This question is not related to main question. If Mr. Minister wants to give reply to it, he may do so.

[English]
[English]

SHRI SRIKANTA JENA : This question is not related to the Rastogi Committee Report. The UGC is now evolving binding rules to ban tuition fees and on this the UGC is now working. Very soon, I think, the UGC would be in a position to take appropriate action to ban tuition.

[Translation]

PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, Bommai Saheb has come. Bommai Saheb should reply to my question.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : First you please ask your question.

[English]

PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT : Sir, there was a comment in the Press about the Rastogi Committee Report that it has downgraded teaching profession. On the one side Rastogi Committee Report describes teaching as the 'mother of all professions' and said that pay scales and service conditions of university and college teachers should be comparable, if not better than those in similar professions. But the recommendations of the Committee downgraded the teaching profession to a status lower than not only that of the IAS and Group A services but also lower than that of the Group B services.

I would like to know from the Government through you, Sir, as a result of such downgradation, would teaching profession not be deprived young and talented candidates? Would it not be a charter of disaster for higher education system? What is the reaction or comments of the Government?

I would like to know whether the Government is serious about the need of State funding of higher education as the Mehrotra Committee in 1986 recommended that the Centre should provide eighty per cent grant to States for university and college teachers' pay scales. I would like to know the reaction of the Government.

SHRI SRIKANTA JENA : Sir, I have already said that the Commission at this moment is examining all these points. The UGC is having an informal consultation with the university vice-chancellors, State Governments and organisations representing university and college teachers. All these issues have been raised by university and college teachers and their associations. All these issues are now being considered at the UGC level. Once UGC gives its recommendations after all these informal consultations, the Government will formally give its own response to that.

Landing of Saudi Airlines Jumbo at Tambaram

*63. SHRI T. GOPAL KRISHNA :
SHRI CHURCHILL ALEMAO :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the erroneous landing of a Saudi Jumbo carrying 347 people at the Tambaram Air Force base instead of the Anna International Airport in Chennai on June 2 has unmasked the fragile safety umbrella of the Indian skies and the efficiency of the air traffic systems and the personnel manning them;

(b) if so, whether any enquiry into the Saudi Boeing landing at IAF Airfield has been conducted;

(c) if so, the details and outcome thereof; and -

(d) the steps taken to prevent the recurrence of such incidents in future?

[Translation]

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV) : (a) The landing of Saudi Boeing 727, carrying 327 passenger and a crew of 25 members at the Tambaram runway was mainly due to an error on the part of the Saudi crew. Adequate audio/visual aids/ markings exist which distinguish all IAF aerodromes from civil airports. The Tambaram ATC system worked perfectly.

(b) to (d) Investigations have revealed that the Saudi crew did not adhere to the laid down procedures for ILS approach to Chennai airport. The crew also did not confirm correctness of the runways by means of instruments and visual cues. The Saudi Arabian Presidency of Civil Aviation have suspended the flying licences of their three flight crew members. The Approach Controller and Tower Controller of Chennai Airport have also been derostered for the failure in their duties.